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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA 22-20553-CR-SCOLA/GOODMAN CASE NO.

18 U.S.C. § 1343 18 U.S.C. § 1957 18 U.S.C. § 1028A(a)(1) 18 U.S.C. § 2 18 U.S.C. § 981 18 U.S.C. § 982

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

JEAN ROBERT DORCIUS,

Detena	ant.	

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

The Small Business Administration

- 1. The United States Small Business Administration ("SBA") was an executive branch agency of the United States government that provided support to entrepreneurs and small businesses. The mission of the SBA was to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by enabling the establishment and viability of small businesses and by assisting in the economic recovery of communities after disasters.
- 2. As part of this effort, the SBA enabled and provided for loans through banks, credit unions, and other lenders. These loans had government-backed guarantees.

The Paycheck Protection Program

- 3. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act was a federal law enacted in or around March 2020 and designed to provide emergency financial assistance to the millions of Americans who were suffering from the economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. One source of relief provided by the CARES Act was the authorization of forgivable loans to small businesses for job retention and certain other expenses, through a program referred to as the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP").
- 4. In order to obtain a PPP loan, a qualifying business submitted a PPP loan application, which was signed by an authorized representative of the business. The PPP loan application required the business (through its authorized representative) to acknowledge the program rules and make certain affirmative certifications in order to be eligible to obtain the PPP loan. In the PPP loan application (Small Business Administration ("SBA") Form 2483), the small business (through its authorized representative) was required to provide, among other things, its: (a) average monthly payroll expenses; and (b) number of employees. These figures were used to calculate the amount of money the small business was eligible to receive under the PPP. In addition, businesses applying for a PPP loan were required to provide documentation confirming their payroll expenses.
- 5. A PPP loan application was processed by a participating lender. If a PPP loan application was approved, the participating lender funded the PPP loan using its own monies. While it was the participating lender that issued the PPP loan, the loan was 100% guaranteed by the SBA. Data from the application, including information about the borrower, the total amount of the loan, and the listed number of employees, was transmitted by the lender to the SBA in the course of processing the loan.

6. PPP loan proceeds were required to be used by the business on certain permissible expenses—payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities. The PPP allowed the interest and principal on the PPP loan to be entirely forgiven if the business spent the loan proceeds on these expense items within a designated period of time and used a defined portion of the PPP loan proceeds on payroll expenses.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program

- 7. Another related response to the COVID-19 outbreak was an expansion of an existing disaster-related program the Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL") to provide for loan assistance (including \$10,000 advances) for small businesses and other eligible entities for loans up to \$2 million. The EIDL proceeds could have been used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred; however, such loan proceeds were not intended to replace lost sales or profits, or for the expansion of a business.
- 8. Unlike certain other types of SBA-guaranteed loans, EIDL funds were issued directly from the United States Treasury, and applicants applied for EIDL funds directly through the SBA via an online portal and application. The EIDL application process, which also used certain outside contractors for system support, collected information concerning the business and the business owner, including: information about the gross revenues for the business prior to January 31, 2020; and the cost of goods sold. Applicants electronically certified that the information provided was true and accurate and were warned that any false statement or misrepresentations to the SBA, or any misapplication of loan proceeds may result in sanctions, including criminal penalties.

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9. EIDL applications were received in and processed using computer servers located in the states of Iowa, Virginia, and Washington. EIDL disbursement payments were initiated by the SBA using computer servers located in the state of Colorado, which transmitted the payment information to the Treasury using computer servers located in the state of Virginia.

The Defendant and Related Entities and Individuals

- 10. **JEAN ROBERT DORCIUS** was a resident of Osceola County, Florida.
- 11. Dorcius Motors LLC ("Dorcius Motors") was a Florida limited liability company with its listed principal address located in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Relevant Banks and Processors

- 12. Cross River Bank ("Cross River") was a financial institution based in Fort Lee, New Jersey, and an approved SBA lender of PPP loans.
- 13. Wells Fargo Bank ("Wells Fargo") was a financial institution based in San Francisco, California.
- 14. Bluevine was a third-party company processor, based in Redwood City, California, that processed PPP loan applications for Cross River.
- 15. Automatic Data Processing, Inc. ("ADP") was a provider of payroll, human resources, and benefits services based in Roseland, New Jersey.

COUNTS 1-2 Wire Fraud (18 U.S.C. §1343)

- 1. The General Allegations section of this Indictment are re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. From in or around June 2020, and continuing through in or around June 2022, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

JEAN ROBERT DORCIUS,

did knowingly, and with the intent to defraud, devise, and intend to devise, a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, knowing that the pretenses, representations, and promises were false and fraudulent when made, and, for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted, by means of wire communications in interstate commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE

3. It was the purpose of the scheme and artifice for the defendant and his accomplices to unlawfully enrich themselves by, among other things: (a) submitting and causing the submission of false and fraudulent applications for loans made available through the SBA to provide relief for the economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including PPP and/or EDIL loans; and (b) diverting fraud proceeds for the defendant's and accomplices' personal use, the use and benefit of others, and to further the scheme and artifice.

THE SCHEME AND ARTIFICE

- 4. The manner and means by which the defendant and his accomplices sought to accomplish the object and purpose of the scheme and artifice included, among others, the following:
- 5. **JEAN ROBERT DORCIUS,** and others submitted and caused the submission of fraudulent PPP and EIDL loan applications under the name of Dorcius Motors, using the Miami, Florida address and Dorcius Motors's EIN, via interstate wire communications.
- 6. In furtherance of the scheme, **JEAN ROBERT DORCIUS** submitted and caused the submission of false and fraudulent information and documentation in support of the PPP and

EIDL loan applications, including falsified Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") forms, among other things, and falsely and fraudulently represented Dorcius Motors's number of employees, amount of monthly payroll, and amount of gross revenue.

- 7. As a result of the false and fraudulent PPP loan applications submitted as part of this scheme, Cross River approved a PPP loan for Dorcius Motors, and disbursed the loan proceeds in the approximate amount of \$330,615 to Dorcius Motors at the Wells Fargo bank account for Dorcius Motors, via interstate wire transmission.
- 8. As a result of the false and fraudulent EIDL loan applications submitted as part of this scheme, the SBA approved an EIDL loan for Dorcius Motors, and disbursed the EIDL loan proceeds in the approximate amount of \$109,900 to Dorcius Motors at the Wells Fargo bank account for Dorcius Motors, via interstate wire transmission.
- 9. After receiving the fraudulently obtained funds, **JEAN ROBERT DORCIUS** enrolled Dorcius Motors with ADP as a payroll processor to create a fictitious payroll that included **DORCIUS** and his children, and used the fictitious payroll to apply for loan forgiveness with Cross River.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

USE OF THE WIRES

JEAN ROBERT DORCIUS for the purpose of executing and in furtherance of the aforesaid scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, knowing that the pretenses, representations, and promises were false or fraudulent when made, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted in interstate and foreign commerce, by means of wire communications, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, as described below:

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE	DESCRIPTION OF WIRE
1	June 5, 2020	The submission of an electronic PPP loan application on
		behalf of Dorcius Motors to Bluevine, causing a wire
		transmission from the Southern District of Florida to
		outside the State of Florida
2	June 16, 2020	The submission of an electronic EIDL application on
		behalf Dorcius Motors to the SBA, causing a wire
		transmission from the Southern District of Florida to
	,	outside the State of Florida

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.

COUNT 3 Money Laundering (18 U.S.C. § 1957)

- 1. The General Allegations Section of this Indictment is re-alleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. On or about June 9, 2020, in Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant,

JEAN ROBERT DORCIUS,

did knowingly engage in a monetary transaction, by, through, and to a financial institution affecting interstate commerce in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000, and such property having been derived from a specified unlawful activity, knowing that the property involved in the monetary transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, that is, a wire transfer of funds in the approximate amount of \$200,000, from Dorcius Motor's account ending in 5298 at Wells Fargo to the personal account of **DORCIUS**, ending in 6966 at Wells Fargo.

It is further alleged that the specified unlawful activity is wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1957 and 2.

FORFEITURE

- 1. The allegations of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America of certain property in which the defendant, **JEAN ROBERT DORCIUS**, has an interest.
- 2. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such offense, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C).
- 3. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1957, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, involved in such offense, and any property traceable to such property, pursuant to Title 18, Section 982(a)(1).

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a)(1), and the procedures set forth at Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Sections 2461(c) and 982(b)(1).

A TRUE BILL

FOR PERSON

JUAN ANTONIO GOMZALEZ

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

JONATHAN BAILYN

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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2.	I am aware that the information supplied on this statement will be relied upon by the Judges of this Court in setting their calendars and scheduling criminal trials under the mandate of the Speedy Trial Act, Title 28 U.S.C. §3161.				
3.	Interpreter: (Yes or No) No List language and/or dialect:				
4.	This case will take 5 days for the parties to t	ry.			
5.	Please check appropriate category and type	of offense listed below:			
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9.	Defendant(s) in federal custody as of				
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11.	Rule 20 from the District of				
12:	Is this a potential death penalty case? (Yes or No) No				
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Jonathan Bailyn

Assistant United States Attorney

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PENALTY SHEET

^{*}Refers only to possible term of incarceration, supervised release and fines. It does not include restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.